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My Dear Old Friend,

Jute is the fibre of the bark of Cortonius capensis Lawson, L. - is the material of Gunny-bag - at least of late years.

Royle on fibrous plants of India - I am told - and Dr. Prudhoe ~~Prudhoe~~ resources of India - gives details about it.

Rothrock, like a brave fellow as he is, has gone to the war - enlisted in the 131 Regt. Penn. Volunteers. - The last I heard he was at Arlington Heights.

There is an earlier letter from you, which I have never thanked you for - of May 31<sup>st</sup>. I will only

say that when a fitting opportunity occurs I hope to do better by good Mr. Sturges than poor Buckley did.

As Buckley would print his gross without submitting them to any one to judge, - and as his conduct in the matter was utterly inexcusable, I hope you do not think my 2<sup>d</sup> expose is unduly severe.

It ever finds me your hand-writing is as firm as ever. - From which I infer that you have much vital force yet. I long to see you once more.

~~If we~~ If we are to conquer the rebels, - as I hope - I pray God to prolong your days to see it, that we may rejoice together.

If not, I could not ask of you length of days to see evil. Rather happy is he who is removed in time from the evil to come!

Mrs. Gray sends her hearty and affectionate good wishes.

Our excellent friend Sir ~~Man~~ Hooker has failed much for some months past, - but at my last advice he was comfortable and active.

I wish I could write to you often - - but I get less and less time. But I am always

Your cordial friend

Asa Gray

Dr. W. Gray  
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